

### REMARKS

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case on the merits, please consider the following remarks:

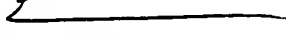
The specification has been amended to include Figure 7C. No new matter has been added.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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